

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☒

Property Name: De Swan-Mahan house Inventory Number: HA-1295  
Address: 3478 Churchville Road City: Aberdeen Zip Code: 21001  
County: Harford County USGS Topographic Map: Aberdeen, Maryland, 1985  
Owner: Central Cycle Incorporated Is the property being evaluated a district? NO  
Tax Parcel Number: 22 Tax Map Number: 51 Tax Account ID Number: 059634  
Project: Adams Property Agency: Federal Communications Commission  
Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

*If the property is within a district*

District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_

NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)*

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☒ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey dated May, 1979

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The property was most recently visited on January 17, 2003. The building has been demolished since the preparation of the Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey form in the library of the Maryland Historical Trust.

The property is described in the Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form For State Historic Sites Survey prepared by Natalie Shivers, Harford County Historical District Commission, in May 1979. Mr. Cecil Chillum owner of Central Cycles Inc. and the Carsins Run store nearby reported that the subject building was demolished approximately ten years ago.

Prepared by: William C. Riggs, RA  
Historic Architect

Date Prepared: 01.28.03

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☐

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEMOLISHED**

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

Reviewer, NR Program

Date

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HA-1295



Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation  
HARFORD COUNTY  
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Account Identifier: District - 03 Account Number - 059634

## Owner Information

Owner Name: CENTRAL CYCLE INCORPORATED Use: COMMERCIAL  
Principal Residence: NO  
Mailing Address: 3480 CHURCHVILLE ROAD Deed Reference: 1) / 1641/ 257  
ABERDEEN MD 21001 2)

## Location &amp; Structure Information

Premises Address 3478 CHURCHVILLE ROAD Zoning B3 Legal Description 2 AC  
3478 CHURCHVILLE RD  
ABERDEEN 21001 E OF CHURCHVILLE

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
51	1B	22						81	Plat Ref:

Special Tax Areas Town Ad Valorem Tax Class

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1912	5,504 SF	2.00 AC	
Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior

## Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2002	Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2002	As Of 07/01/2003
Land:	100,000	111,000		
Improvements:	70,600	106,600		
Total:	170,600	217,600	186,266	201,932
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

## Transfer Information

Seller: RUBY WILLIAM S	Date: 06/26/1990	Price: \$96,000
Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: / 1641/ 257	Deed2:
Seller: RUBY WILLIAM S & WF	Date: 06/25/1990	Price: \$0
Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: / 1641/ 255	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:

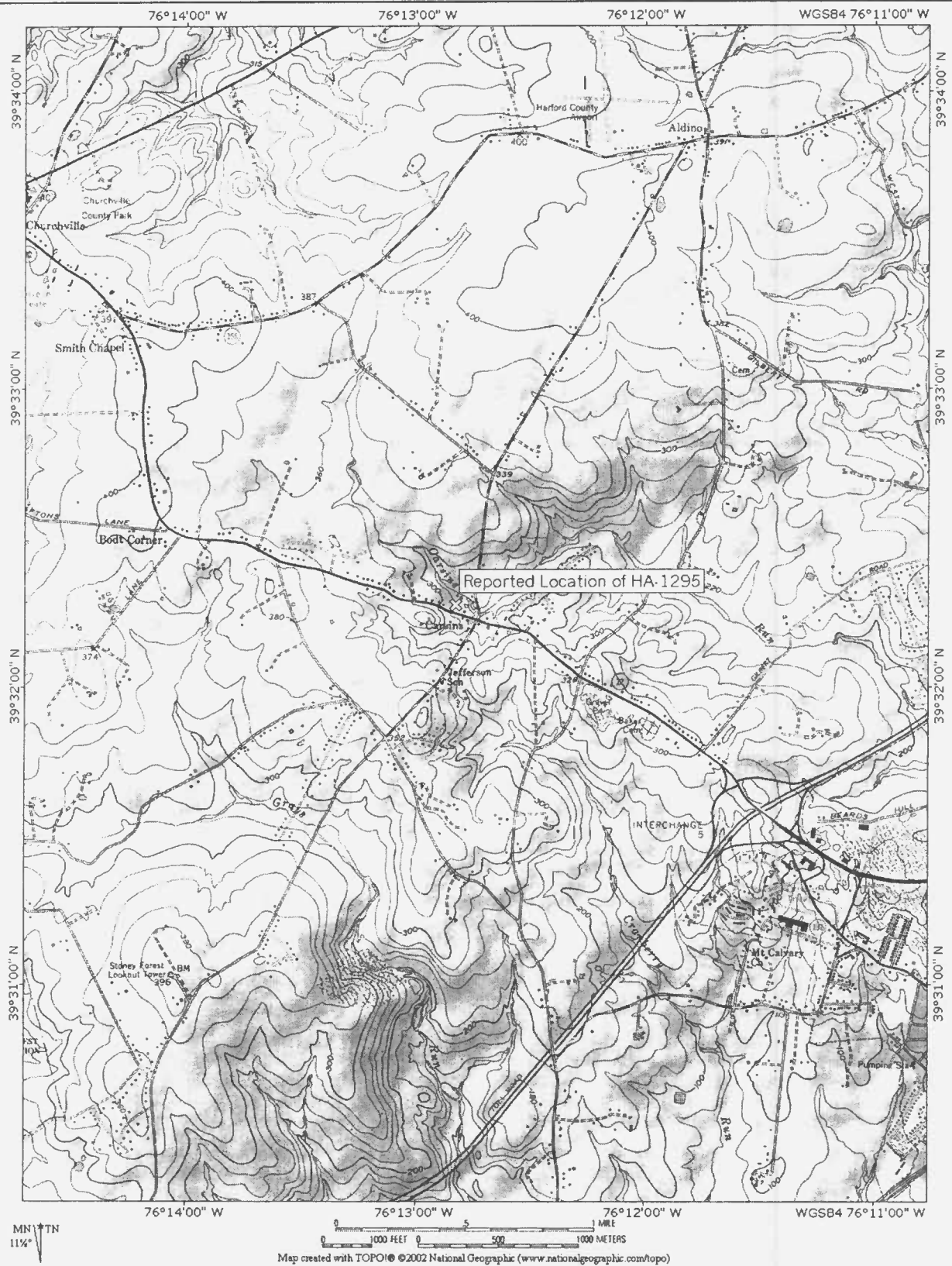
## Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2002	07/01/2003
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO  
Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:

\* NONE \*



**SITE VICINITY MAP**  
Aberdeen, MD Quadrangle  
**SCALE: As Shown**



**Property Condition Assessment**  
HA-1295\_ DeSwann-Mahan House  
Aberdeen, MD 21001

De Swan-Mahan House  
Churchville Road  
Carsins Run, Maryland 21001

Christopher De Swan provided homes for all three of his daughters: he gave the neighboring De Swan-Lillie house to Mary E. Lillie and this house to Amanda Gorrell in 1892. He and his unmarried daughter lived in the rear portion of this house. At least part of the house was built by 1878 as indicated by the 1878 Martenet's Map.

Captain Christopher De Swan was the first blacksmith in Carsins Run and had a shop at the crossroads of Churchville Road and Carsins Run Road.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

De Swann-Mahan house

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

North side of Churchville Rd. (Rte. 22) west of Carsins Run Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen,

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland 21001

COUNTY  
Harford**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Jesse C. Mahan, deceased

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 113

Folio #: 411

STREET &amp; NUMBER

40 S. Main St.

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air,

STATE  
MD 21014**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built in several stages (at least) this two-story frame house covered in shingles is located on the north side of Churchville Road (Md.RTE. 22) near Carsins Run.

The main structure, perhaps built in two parts, is T-shaped with a gable roof and set on a low stone foundation. On the front or south facade is a one-story, hip-roofed addition and a bay window. The stem of the T-or north section-is flanked on the east by a two-story addition with a second story, shed-roofed porch. On the north end, which has an interior brick chimney, is a gable-roofed shed. The fenestration varies on each side.

The south facade is four bays wide, with four variously-spaced 6/6 sash windows with louvered shutters in the second story. In the first story, the bay window with full-length 2/2 sash windows is in the east bay, and the hip-roofed addition (probably added later) with casement windows covers the western bays.

The west end of this section is blank. The east end has one 2/2 sash window with louvered shutters in each story. South of the first story window is an entrance with a shed-roofed portico.

The north side of this section, partly covered by the T and its eastern adjunct, has one window with shutters in each story.

The stem of the T has one 2/2 sash window with louvered shutters in each story of the west side. The north end also has one window of this type in the second story. The porch on the east has fret brackets; the lower story appears to be more recent- or altered more recently.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Like the house next door, this house was given by Christopher De Swan to his daughter in 1892.<sup>1</sup> This one belonged to Amanda Gorrell, the other to Mary E. Lillie. The lot was part of an 8 acre tract De Swan had obtained from William Carsins in 1866 for \$1000.<sup>2</sup> At least part of the house was built before that: a building in approximately this location is marked on the 1878 Martenet's Map (it is attributed-perhaps incorrectly-to William Carson); the 1858 Herrick's Map shows no building here. This may have been where De Swan lived-it is said that he at least lived here after he had given the house to his daughter.<sup>3</sup>

According to one source, "Captain" De Swan had the first blacksmith trade in Carsins Run. (His shop was at the crossroads of Churchville Road and Carsins Run Road.) He had three sons and two daughters and, except for the two sons who left the area, gave each of his children a house on his land.

## Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> Liber WSF 74/ Folio 396

<sup>2</sup> Liber WHD 17/ Folio 332

<sup>3</sup> Brian Preston, "The Story of Carsins Run", Harford Democrat, November 25, 1970

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Harford County Records of Harford County, "The Story of Harford County", September,  
November 25, 1970

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE  
Natalie Shivers, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION  
Harford County Historic District Commission

DATE  
Aug, 1979

STREET & NUMBER  
45 S. Main St.

TELEPHONE  
301-879-2000 ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN  
Bel Air,

STATE  
MD 21014

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438



## TITLE SEARCH

HA -1295

De Swan - Mahan house  
Jesse C. Mahan  
(TYPE IN ADDRESS)

113/411 11/15/04

Grantor: Kate L. and Hugh C. Getty of Baltimore County  
Grantee: Jesse C. Mahan  
Sum: \$150 and assumption of two mortgages  
(\$200: WSF 83/418; \$150: WSF 83/421)  
Acreage: 1¼ acres

WSF 99/155 2/28/1900

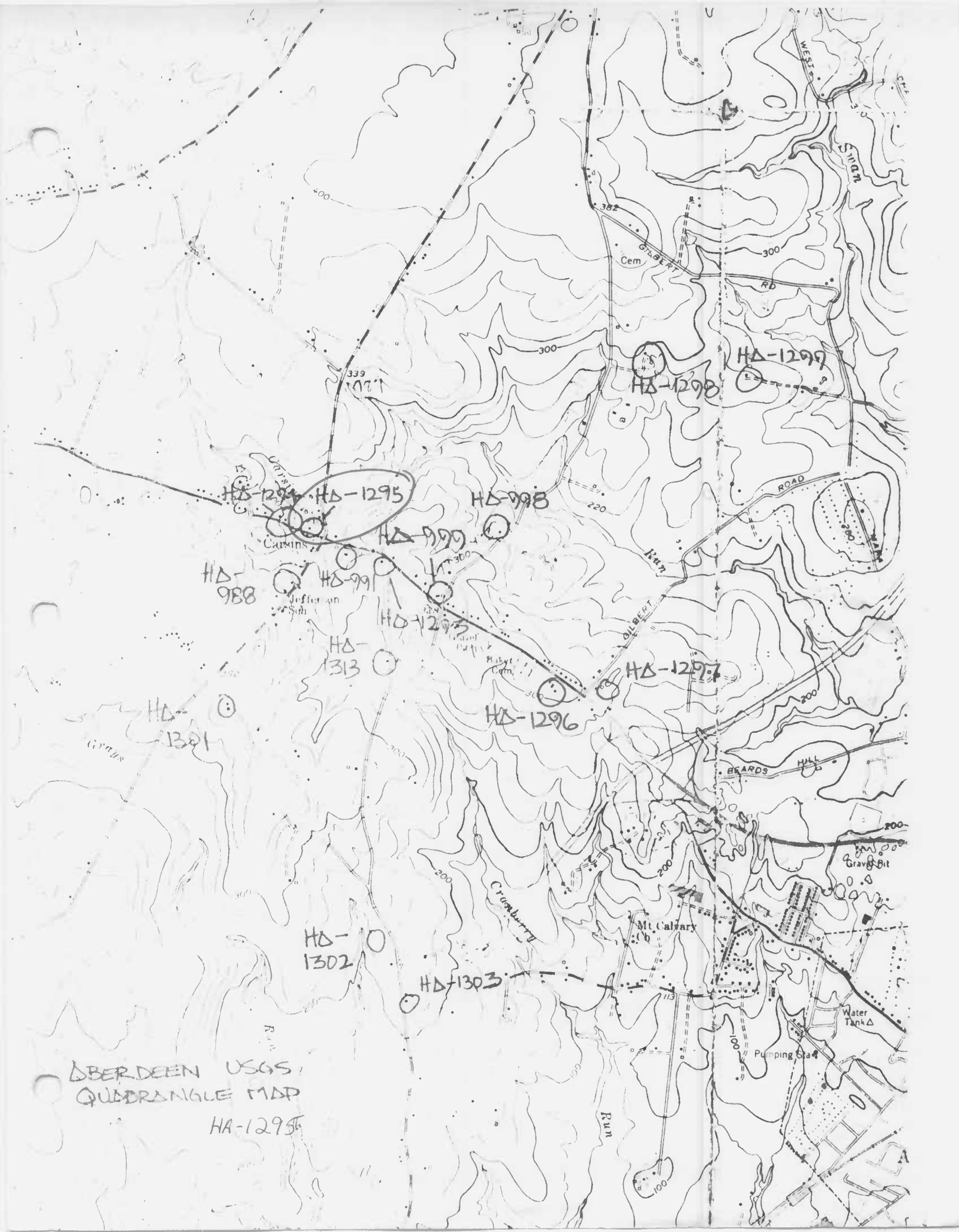
Grantor: Amanda I. and William R. Gorrell  
Grantee: Kate L. Getty  
Sum: \$500.  
Acreage: 1¼ acres

WSF 74/396 10/04/1892

Grantor: Christopher DeSwan  
Grantee: Amanda Gorrell (daughter)  
Acreage: 1¼ acres

3 WHD 17/332 6/01/1866

Grantor: William and Martha J. Carsins  
Grantee: Christopher DeSwann  
Sum: \$1000  
Acreage: 8 acres "Anns and Margareths Purchase"





DeSwann-Mahan House  
Carsins Run, MD  
Natalie Shivers  
April, 1979  
Northwest  
~~South~~

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DeSwann-Mahan House

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Natalie Shivers  
April, 1979  
Southeast